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South Shankill Residents Association

APOLOGY

In the November '18 edition of SCAN an error was made in the South Shankill Residents Association article on The Late Tom Twomey. It should have read ***"He has now joined his beloved Collette and loving son Alan, our deepest sympathy".***

The SSRA apologise to the Twomey Family for any upset caused.

Support Network

SHANKILL SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

A support network for separated and divorced people has been set up and is open to persons of any faith denomination, or none.

All are welcome to contact us by texting 087-364-6067 or by emailing us at *listeningear14@gmail.com*

A supportive, compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how the network can be of help to you... either through one-to-one contact or by welcoming you into our monthly group meetings which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 8.00pm to 9.30pm.

All communications will be guaranteed complete confidentiality and everyone will be warmly welcomed.

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community

NOTE from SCAN Team

We will not be producing an issue in January 2019. Please note that the SCAN office may not be open on a regular basis during the month of December. If you plan to come to the office during December, please call our mobile to check if anyone is in the office. We will be accessing our emails, so please continue to send in your emails.

The SCAN Team would like to thank all our business advertisers, our content writers, councillors, deliverers, sports clubs, and local associations for their continuing support during the year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sean Kelly, RIP

The wife and family of the late Sean Kelly would like to most sincerely thank those who showed kindness, support and who sympathised with us at this sad time.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and extended family who visited our home, attended the wake, service and burial and provided support both emotional and practical at a difficult time. We are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of Whiston General Hospital Liverpool who cared for Sean in his final weeks and days; to Collier funeral home and staff of Shanganagh Cemetery for their professionalism on the day of the funeral; and to Father Michael Irwin for his help in conducting the service. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Olive Kelly

Bethany Bereavement Support Group

The Bethany Bereavement Support Group will be holding a 5-week bereavement course starting in January 2019. The aim of this course is to support those who have suffered a loss by encouraging them to explore and understand their feelings of grief. The course will run on Monday evenings from 14th January until 11th February 2019 in St. Anne's Resource Centre.

Time is from 8.00 – 9.30pm with tea and biscuits provided. The course is free to attend and everyone is welcome. Bethany Bereavement members are trained to listen and offer you a safe, free, supportive place to journey through your grief.

Please leave your name and phone number at ***012822704*** to book your place.

St Anne's Resource Centre, Shankill

There will be a cakes and crafts sale in St Anne's Resource centre, Shankill, on Sunday, 16th Dec. from 11.15 am to 1pm in aid of some Orphans in Fort Portal, Western Uganda whom we have been supporting for some years.
Your support will be much appreciated .

Patrick and Kathie Davey

The Castle Allotments group

The Castle Allotments group now on Quinns Road hold their fourth annual Festive get together in Crinken Hall, Bray Road at 7.30pm Thursday 8th December. A chance for all plots holders to meet and greet, enjoy a cuppa and share ideas. A short talk will be give on allotment life..
The Minister and Local Cllrs will attend and your support and presence will celebrate our move and future. Further enquiries from Dermot Aughney, 087 2580453 or Ed Ryan, 087 2240439 Meet and Greet Team.

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6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 15th December
4.30pm: Children's Lantern making workshop
followed by
5.00pm: Community Lantern Walk
(Leaving Crinken car park at 5.00pm for walk around Shanganagh Park and back for Hot Chocolate)

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December
4:00pm: Kids carols

Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December
9.30am: Holy Communion
10.30am: Family Praise

New Year's Eve Monday 31st December
10:00pm: 'Prevail' New Year Celebration

ST. ANNE'S PARISH

Saturday 8th December: 11.00am – 6.00pm
Pallottine Union Advent Retreat
All welcome, donation only.

Sunday 9th December: 8.00pm
Habemus Christmas Concert

Wednesday 12th December: 8.00pm
Parish Carol Service

Monday 17th December: 8.00pm
Confessions: Christmas Penitential Service
(with visiting priests)

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December
10.00am: **Morning Mass**

Mass for Christmas:
Vigil Masses
6.00pm *(Children's Mass),* 8:00pm & 10:00pm

Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December
8.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00pm

CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH OF RATHMICHAEL

Sunday 16th December: 4:00pm
Service of 9 Lessons and Carols
Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Erck Hall

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December: 11.45am
The First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day Tuesday 25th December

8.30am	**Holy Communion**
11.00 am	**Family Service**
11.45 am	**Holy Communion**

You are cordially invited to join us at any or all of these services.

Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Working for Shankill in Dáil Éireann

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If you wish to visit our Nursing Home, we are available 7 days a week to facilitate this.
Please Contact Brendan or Miriam O'Connell at 01 2720201 h to arrange a viewing

We are currently seeking Volunteers to help out *Follow us on Facebook*

SHANKILL FOOTBALL CLUB

Shankill has always had a proud sporting tradition and at the heart of our community is the Shankill Football Club. Providing top class facilities and coaching for kids in the area from the age of 5, with both boys and girls enjoying the opportunity to socialise and make new friends. Our teams have had a number of successes this year, but the real winners are all the players who get to keep fit and learn a great sport in a safe environment. Contact us on ***www.shankillfc.ie or info@shankillfc.ie*** to see if there is an opening for your child to participate in a team, or one of our upcoming events?

WHAT A GAME DOWN IN RINGSEND PARK!

Two very well matched teams lined up against each other as Shankill U13 girls travelled to take on Cambridge. In a tight and competitive game Shankill took the lead. With the play focused in the midfield neither side seemed likely to add to the score until a long ball from Cambridge resulted in an equalizer. Five mins into the second half and Cambridge added a 2nd goal after a quick break from their own half. It looked like a long road back for the Shankill girls however an expertly taken free kick to the top corner saw Shankill draw level. Two minutes later Shankill had a penalty but it was brilliantly saved by the Cambridge keeper. Shankill immediately went on the offensive and scored two excellent goals and got their fifth and final goal following a string of exciting corner kicks. The game finished 5-2 to Shankill but a terrific performance by two great teams. After today's game, the Shankill girls received their runner up league medals from last season.

Well done girls. Doing the club proud

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CLUBHOUSE DAMAGE

Saturday Oct 13th will be remembered as one of the terrible days for our club. We discovered thieves had stolen the lead guttering from the roof of our clubhouse and torrential rain poured in resulting in the clubhouse being completely flooded and some ceilings caving in.

However, the wonderful spirit of the Shankill community came to our rescue with offers of help by so many local people including tradesmen, local businesses, other local sports clubs and the general community.

We held a quiz night and did bag packing in Dunnes which generated a €2500. We want to send a huge "Thank you" to the people of Shankill and surrounding areas. We are very grateful.

Shankill FC would like to wish all our members & the Shankill community a very Happy Christmas and New year!

SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB

Susan McGing, PRO

JUNIOR NEWS

We are continuing to run the Teen Tennis and Pizza nights for our juniors, which has been a great success so far. We urge our teen tennis players to come down on Friday evenings for pizza and tennis with friends.

Once again, the school midterm break saw the club host its annual Junior Club Championships. The tournament began the bank holiday Monday, with an orange ball round robin tournament for the under 10s. The children had great fun and all received medals. From Thursday to Finals day on the Saturday over 75 children entered the main tournament. The atmosphere was fantastic throughout the week, and the juniors played with great spirit and sportsmanship. The finals day Saturday saw the grand total of 14 matches played, while players, spectators and umpires all enjoyed the delicious food on offer. The great event came to a close with a prize giving ceremony in the clubhouse. A big well done to all the players, and thank you to all those who helped out during the week.

LEAGUES

First of all, we would like to thank all of our teams who took part in the Senior and Floodlight leagues. In the Senior League, congratulations to the Ladies STC 1 team, who made it through to the playoffs and all the way through to the semi finals! They put up a fantastic fight in the semifinals in Deerpark, but unfortunately it wasn't to be - however, the ladies did such a fantastic job this league, that they've been promoted to Class 2! A big well done to the ladies and thanks to all of the Shankill supporters who came along to cheer our ladies on.

In the Ladies Floodlight league, we had two teams get through to the playoffs, STC 1 and STC 2 - unfortunately, they faced each other in the playoffs! However, congratulations to both teams on reaching the playoffs, and congratulations to STC 1 on making it through to the next round.

Winter league is the next one on the calendar, beginning in January 2019 - sign up is available now in the clubhouse, so get your name down to be part of our amazing teams!

WINTER TOURNAMENTS

Our winter tournaments are in full swing in the club! Our annual Turkey Run began in November and continues on into this month - this event is a great festive tournament to take part in, with players donning something red each week, spot prized up for grabs, and of course, plenty of tennis. The Turkey Run will finish up on December 13th, with a dinner and prize giving.

Our Winter Woollies also started back up in November and continues on into December - this tournament is another great opportunity for players to get out and play some competitive matches (even in the wintery conditions!), and like the Turkey Run, we couldn't finish up the tournament without a party and prizes on the final night.

AND FINALLY...

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from all of us at Shankill Tennis Club.

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Christmas in Shankill

At this special time of year we wish all in our community a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. As the year draws to a close we say a big thank you to all of our wonderful players, coaches, parents and committee for their hard work.

To the many people who buy our draw and raffle tickets, also our brilliant sponsors who were so generous throughout the year. Please shop local and support our village shops and businesses. Thank you all so very much.

Special Notice: Christmas and the New Year can be difficult and emotional times for some people, however remember there is always a listening ear and help is available.

Please make that call.

Juvenile Academy

The Academy has moved indoors to the gym in St Laurence College at 10.00am on Saturdays for the winter months. The final training session before the holiday break will be on Saturday 8th December and we are hoping that a special visitor will pay us a call.

Inter Schools Gaelic Football

Played over two weeks in Stonebridge Road there was great excitement and rivalry between the schools St Anne's, Scoil Mhuire and Gaelscoil Phadraig. There was fantastic excitement and great skills on show at all the matches as the girls and boys showed how much pride they felt in wearing their school jersey. These are the same village children that then come together to form the various teams which is your Shankill GAA Club. For the record St Anne's school won the Cup and Gaelscoil Phadraig the Shield. Well done to the girls and boys, teachers, Club GPO Steve Davis and referees Orla Kavanagh, Brendan Ellis and Jimmy Nolan.

Adult Girls' Night Out

The Adult Ladies team had their inaugural Awards night in Brady's with top awards up for grabs. Setup only ten months ago the team is going from strength to strength and already organising a second team such is the interest and spirit of the players. Dublin footballer and All Ireland medal winner Hannah O'Neill was on hand with advice and some skills tips. Our neighbour from Stonebridge Road Des Cahill joined our club to help out with the presentation.

The awards went to the following: Aisling O'Leary, Player of the Year; Orla Kavanagh, Players Player; Mary Fitzachary, Young Player; Ailis Conlon, Most improved Player; and Rachel Neary, Club Woman of the Year.

Huge thanks to Hannah and Des and Liza Mitton for the pictures. New players and coaches are always welcome contact GPO Steve Davis 087 6414123.

Commiserations to St Anne's School

The girl's Gaelic football team put on a brilliant display at the Cumann na mBunscol final in Croke Park recently. Although it was not to be their day their coach Mr Allen and the girls put in a brave effort and did their school proud. Fantastic everybody.

Chase the Ace Draw

At the time of going to press the jackpot stands at €1450. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 available in Brady's.

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community games
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We marked the end of 2018 Community Games year with a celebration in St. Anne's Resource Centre. We were delighted to see many of those who participated throughout the year. A special thanks to Mary Mitchell O' Connor, Jim Gildea and Father John who presented a trophy to those who made it to the National Finals in Limerick. Thanks to everyone who made 2018 a great year. Congratulations to all those who participated in athletics, mini rugby, art, handwriting, badminton, talent, hurling and football. (See attached photos of awards). A massive thank you to all the helpers and parents who helped out with the celebrations and indeed throughout the year.

Dates for the diary

Jan 2019 will see us begin our local competitions and first up will be badminton and mini rugby.

So if you are a girl U15 and play badminton or a boy U11 who would like to be involved in mini rugby please email shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com ASAP.

In 2019 we plan to enter in badminton, art, handwriting, athletics, GAA, mini rugby, talent and table quiz events.

- **Art and Handwriting**
(Shankill competition): Sunday 10th March 2019

- **Athletics Shankill**
(including long puck and ball throw) Sunday 28th April 2019

- **Dublin Athletics Finals**
8th and 9th June 2019

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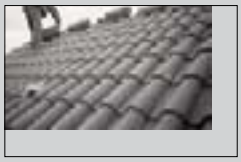

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Shanganagh Ramblers - Walk this Way.

Sli Chaoimhin, St.Kevin's Way

St.Kevin's Way is 30km in total beginning in Hollywood In County Wicklow crossing the Wicklow Gap and finishing in the monastic city of Glendalough. On Sunday 11th of November the Shanganagh Ramblers walked the first stage, from the Village of Hollywood to the Wicklow Gap. Our walk started in Hollywood and finished at the Wicklow Gap.
The distance we covered is approximately sixteen kilometres with a climb of 580 metres. On our stroll we encountered tracks, trails, and a highway. (R756) It is advisable that you bring a Hi vis jacket for the sections on the main road. From the beginning we had clear blue skies and sunshine, but later on in the afternoon the clouds opened, but this did not dampen our spirits.
One of the many highlights of this walk is the section along the banks of the King's River with an abundance of natural Oak trees and forestry draped in autumnal splendour.
We walked astride of the river as it journeyed to the Poulaphuca Reservoir. Overall an enjoyable day and one I would recommend, note that a reasonable level of fitness is required. Coillte deserves a mention for providing suitable boardwalks over the most boggy sections of the trail.

Note that on Sunday 27th of May we walked from the Wicklow Gap via Valleymount on to Hollywood. The Wicklow Mountain West map 1:30,000 provides all the information that you need. Or alternately you can make use of the maps available online from the National Trails. Go to Irish Trails. ie: Map 1 Hollywood to Balinagee Bridge. Map 2 Ballinagee Bridge to Wicklow Gap.

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

HALLOWEEN LUNCH AT BRADY'S

Our Halloween Lunch at Brady's was enjoyed by everyone who attends the Daycare Centre, including the Wednesday Tea Club. As always we were very well looked after with hearty food to warm us up on a cold Autumn day. Everyone agreed that the Halloween decorations at Brady's were the best ever, adding to the festive and spooky atmosphere of the occasion.

Anne Farrell and Anne Murphy at Brady's Nov 2018

COFFEE MORNING FOR VOLUNTEERS

There will be a Coffee Morning for all volunteers at the Daycare Centre on Tuesday 4th December from 11 a.m. to 12.30, to say thank-you for all the hard work put in by everyone who comes along to give their time: as a Meals on Wheels driver, helping at the Daycare Centre on the rota, helping with the book-sale, or using a special talent to entertain those who attend. One of our volunteers, Anne Farrell, leads the Christmas craft sessions, making cards and decorations. If you would like to be involved in any way, you would be most welcome to pop in to the Coffee Morning and make yourself known, or telephone Jacinta at the Daycare Centre at 2826364.

Marie Butler and Phyllis Brennan celebrating Halloween at Brady's

Patricia White at Brady's

BOOKSALES

Don't forget our Book-sales take place on the first Saturday of the month, with new items arriving all the time, and because of our policy of only accepting books in tip-top condition, this could be a chance to purchase some extra Christmas gifts.

THE STATE OF US

My tale is a familiar one, a well-trodden trope at this stage, but none the less worthy of telling, as it seems universal in this land of ours. Just the way things are, the way things are done.

I've spent the last few weeks trying to care for a Significant Other who had the temerity to be old and sick and in great need of hospitalization. I say temerity, because you know, firstly, In Ireland, how dare any of us get sick and secondly, if we do get sick how dare we expect to be treated with dignity and respect and CARE.

My SO was admitted to St Vincent's Hospital with pneumonia. The SO has dementia, is in very advanced years and is utterly vulnerable.

At the stage of admittance the SO was extremely ill, couldn't breathe properly, confused and frightened. Like a rabbit in the headlights really and its sad and worrying to be on the outside looking in, watching your SO in such a state.

A and E was relatively ok, contrary to the screaming headlines. My SO had been ambulanced in so was in a treatment room when I arrived. It was busy, there were individuals there with obvious mental health issues, roaring and shouting and staff were briskly trying to sort through the crowds. It wasn't the Beirut we had heard about, by any means. And it was clean, full but not overwhelmingly so; we were dealt with promptly, carefully and appropriately.

The real fun began on the wards. My SO was admitted to a mixed ward for observation and treatment. It was extremely busy, a bit chaotic, but my SO was being treated for the condition presented. The dirt, the crowded corridors, the many, many medics darting around with clipboards and machines and no time for anything was, I learnt quickly, par for the course.

Can we move this person to the Private hospital, the person having paid high rates of VHI all their long life?

Oh god no, they came here by public ambulance, they must be here, they have an active infection, and that's that! Another move to an acute ward and things descended into high horrible farce.

So many more medics, more clipboards and absolutely no time to discuss anything. No time to bring the SO to the loo, no time to make sure they ate; the nutrition in hospitals, where it is needed most, is largely absent.

All too busy, medics with swingy ponytails and important clipboards and a big vacant space where empathy could live.

A kindly nurse sees my shock at the vision of cruel chaos and attempts to explain. We are short staffed; there is no one to bring your SO to the toilet, no one to help shower them (in the 2 weeks they were hospitalized).

The SO is freezing cold, left sitting in a chair all day. I put woolly socks and an extra blanket on them. I only find out what is really going on thanks to the kindness of a patient in the next bed.

Across the ward a patient is howling in great distress, eyes tightly closed against terrors real or imagined. Unreachable, perhaps in pain. The busy nurse, bristling with anger because its all just too much, loudly confronts the patient.

Tell us whats wrong!

460 plus points in the Leaving Cert to do nursing, degrees up to the eyeballs and NOBODY CARES. They are too exhausted, too demoralized and too fed up. There are boxes to tick and I's to dot!

No one cares that patient A needs a shower to lower the risk of MRSA infection.

Food is dumped in front of feeble elderly patients and its whipped away again uneaten.

But my SO is now stabilized and is discharged. They walked and were continent going in. They leave in a wheelchair and are now doubly incontinent. My heart cracks but at least they are going back to their nursing home where they are cared for with patience, understanding, time and grace.
We have demonized nursing homes but they are not the problem. We have demonized A and E but it really isin't the problem either.

This is our Health Service. This is our collective responsibility. We need to hold those in charge to account.

We need to roll up our sleeves and wash our hands and get to work on this national problem. Because one day, if we live long enough, this could be us.

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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituent(s),

Core Bus Corridors Project

I have received a number of emails and calls from Shankill residents concerned about potential CPOs and disruption as part of the Bray to City Centre bus corridor. The NTA began publishing more detail about the proposed route of these corridors in mid-November. Information is being released on a phased basis and Bray to City Centre route information is due in February 2019.

As with the large BusConnects project earlier this year, once maps are released, a public consultation process will follow, in this case Mid-February to Mid-April 2019. This will be an opportunity for residents and businesses to have their say and propose changes to the plan. I am happy to make a submission based on feedback I receive from you, the people who will be most affected by these works. Please let me know how you feel about the routes once the detail has been published.

All submissions will be reviewed and changes may be made to the proposed routings so please take the opportunity to make a submission. An email or letter takes just a few minutes but can make a huge difference.

Shankill Community Games

Congratulations to all involved with Shankill Community Games. Coaches, mentors, volunteers parents and of course the wonderful participants. Special thanks and congratulations to Áine, Fr John, Maria, Joanne, Edel and Richard for your Trojan work and dedication.

I was delighted to attend the end of year celebrations in St. Anne's Resource Centre, along with Cllr. Jim Gildea. The Community Games really embody community and allow children to participate in events including Athletics, Mini Rugby, Soccer, Art, Model Making, Handwriting and so many more. There truly is something for everyone.

With Fr. John O'Connor, Áine Murray and Cllr. Jim Gildea at the Shankill Community Games end of year celebrations

Shankill Tennis Club

I was delighted to attend a double celebration in Shankill Tennis Club recently, celebrating players and volunteers and two phenomenal events this year:

- The hosting of the World Blind Tennis Championships. The event was incredibly successful and enjoyed by competitors and spectators from Ireland and all over the world. Congratulations to the Irish team on great performances across the weekend. Special thanks to Liam O'Donohue for all his hard work since he brought Blind Tennis to Ireland three years ago.
- The fundraiser that broke the Guinness Book of Records World record for the longest ever doubles match - Luke Maguire, Daniel O'Neill, James Cluskey and David Mullins played doubles for 60 hours plus at Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club.

Neither of these events would have been possible without the work and dedication of an army of volunteers from Shankill TC. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.

Be Winter Ready

The extreme cold weather of late autumn was just a taste of what the next few months may bring. The Government recently launched the website www.winterready.ie

This year's campaign focusses on building strong communities and looking out for the vulnerable. The key message is: "be prepared, stay safe and know where to get help should you need it".

The website provides a wide range of practical advice and contact details of the main services that can provide help in extreme weather-related emergencies.

If you do not have Internet access, a hard copy booklet with the advice and contact information can be obtained from the Office of Emergency Planning at LoCall 1890-252736 or by emailing oep@defence.ie

At this special time of year, I would like to thank you for your support in 2018. I continue to work hard to represent the people of Shankill and the rest of the constituency. If I can be of any assistance, on any national or local issue please contact me at mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie or call my constituency office on 01-8892199.

Wishing you and yours a very happy Christmas, and a peaceful New Year.

Kind regards,

Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister of State for Higher Education

Appeal to Dog Walkers

Whether hiking on the Dublin Mountains Way, exercising, walking the dog or just going for a stroll, Shankill is a wonderful place to walk. Its many parks, green spaces and connecting streets and lanes allow residents and visitors to enjoy the wonderful views of the mountains and the sea - except when they step in **dog poo**...

A new campaign by Shankill Tidy Towns reminds dog walkers to pick up after their pets and bag and bin the poo.

And please don't throw the bagged poo away, put it in a bin.

Shankill Tidy Towns - The U in COMMUNITY

Recipes

These easy quick recipes will come in handy after all the cooking over the Christmas period.

by Vivien Reid

Spicy Turkey Noodles

Use up your turkey leftovers at Christmas to whip up a spicy turkey stir-fry. Or you could swap meat for Brussels sprouts to make a veggie alternative. Its a meal in minutes!
Serves 4

250g medium egg noodles
1 tbsp soy sauce
2 limes, juiced
2 tsp brown sugar
2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 garlic clove, thinly sliced
1 red chilli, thinly sliced
500g cooked turkey, sliced
2 spring onions, thinly sliced on a diagonal
100g beansprouts
30g salted peanuts (or any other nuts you have left over), roughly chopped
Coriander and lime wedges, to serve.

Cook the noodles according to pack instructions, then drain and rinse with cold water. Set aside. Mix the soy, lime juice and sugar together. Heat the oil in a large frying pan or wok and add the garlic, chilli, turkey and spring onions, fry for around 2 minutes, then tip in the noodles and the beansprouts and fry for 1 minute more. Pour the sauce into the pan and toss everything together well, working quickly to coat all the vegetables and noodles. Once everything is heated through, season, and tip into bowls. Scatter the nuts and coriander over them and serve with lime wedges for squeezing over.

Stilton & Cranberry Toastie

A toasted sandwich is a great way to use up cheeseboard leftovers and makes a delicious and thrifty lunch.

Serves 1 - it is easy to make toasties for more people or let them make their own!

2 slices white bloomer bread
large knob softened butter
50g crumbled stilton
1spring onion, sliced
1-2 tbsp cranberry jelly

Butter both slices of the bloomer. Make into a sandwich with the stilton, spring onion and cranberry jelly, keeping the butter on the outside of the bread. Fry in a non-stick griddle or frying pan for 3-4 mins on each side. Keep the heat gentle so the cheese melts slowly as the bread becomes golden and crunchy. Serve warm.

Tips: Use whatever cheese you have – grate if a hard cheese or slice it thinly. Use chutney or relish for a more savoury taste. Serve with tossed green salad leaves and/or a bowl of soup for a more substantial meal

Get the family/visitors involved in choosing what to put in their sandwich. Some people might like it for breakfast!

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A Note from Danielle O'Rourke

Local representative for People before Profit.

My name is Danielle O'Rourke and I am your local representative for People before Profit.

I was raised between Shanganagh Cliffs and Loughlinstown, where I currently live, with my parents, my 3 brothers, and my dog.

I went to UCD to study science, thanks in part to the HEAR scheme and the DEIS schools I was educated in. One of the main issues that got me more politically active was access to education, which I've been working on as an issue for years. I'm a "Future You" access to education mentor in the secondary schools in the area, and have presented research on attainment levels at the European Access Network conference in 2016.

My family is a foster family, so the right to a safe, secure home for every child has been ingrained in me from a young age. ***Every child & family should have access to the supports they need, regardless of their mental health, disabilities, economic status, race, or gender.***

Working alongside Cllr Hugh Lewis has given me the insight into how people power can affect real change. We all saw this with the water charges movement and the Repeal the 8th movement. I've been a member of the Dún Laoghaire Repeal 8 group since its inception, it's progression to DL Together 4 Yes, and now as DL Together 4 Choice & Equality (DLT4CE).

Ireland has a crisis of housing and a crisis of health — that much is obvious. The homelessness figures keep on rising, and the quality of health services, including mental health services, has not been improving. I'd also put forward the argument that we, as a country, will be facing a crisis in education if we don't start investing in it now. Students are being forced out of education for all manner of reasons which they should not be subject to. During my time in education, I have been first hand witness to the lack of substantial supports for mental health and supports for additional needs. Our school systems are failing our young people because there is simply not enough money being put into SNAs, ASD units, School Psychologists and so on. Fighting for increased supports in education will be one of my main priorities as a local representative.

My work over the last while with DLT4CE, Mobile Homeless Run, and the Access Centre in UCD has allowed me to use my experience to help others who may be in similar situations to me. I have worked tirelessly for the betterment of our community, and I will not be stopping anytime soon.

As your local representative, I will be holding clinics every Monday in Shanganagh Park House from 11am to 12pm where you can pop in to chat to me about anything I can help with.

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SHANKILL BOWLING NOTES

by Paddy Hughes PRO

The AGM of our club took place in the main hall of our Clubhouse on Thursday 25th October. Members of all three sections of our Bowling Club were present: the Men's section, the Ladies Section and the Indoor (mixed) section. The election of Officers for the new season's committee was foremost on the agenda as Henry Bellew, our outgoing President, was standing down after completing his term of duty of two years. The following is the result of the election: President - Michael Ryan, Vice President - Michael Quirke, Secretary - Brian Tuite, Treasurer - Margaret O'Neill, P.R.O. - Paddy Hughes.

Congratulations to our new President and we wish him every success and also a huge thank you to Henry for the excellent service he gave. Our three sections will be holding separate AGMs. Details to follow.

The recent tournament run by the Indoor section was attended by bowling clubs from Wicklow, Kilmacud, Dundrum and ourselves. All of them fielded 2 teams each and the eventual winners were Dundrum. The team included Fraser Pelley and his wife Margaret.

The Runners Up were Shankill with Aiden Murphy, Audrey Murphy, Paddy Hughes and Maura Hughes.

One formidable Wicklow team included our own Mick Humby and our men's champion, Colin Sheppard. The tournament was organised by Indoor Captain, Ron Sheppard. "WELL DONE" to him.

Soup and sandwiches followed the event. Liz McElhenney and Jim Kelly also helped out on the day.

Our Turkey Competitions (Ladies on Wednesdays and Men's on Thursdays) are going well and I am glad to see that a Competition started on Sundays from Nov 11th at 1.45 pm. All Members are urged to support it to help make it a success.

We have our annual Christmas Dinner to look forward to. It is being held on Saturday, 8th December at 8 p.m. This year there will be the presentation of prizes to our Championship winners and also to trophy winners and the Men's Cullen Cup winning side.

Shankill Bowling Club would like to wish all its members a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2019.

Shankill Classical Music Club

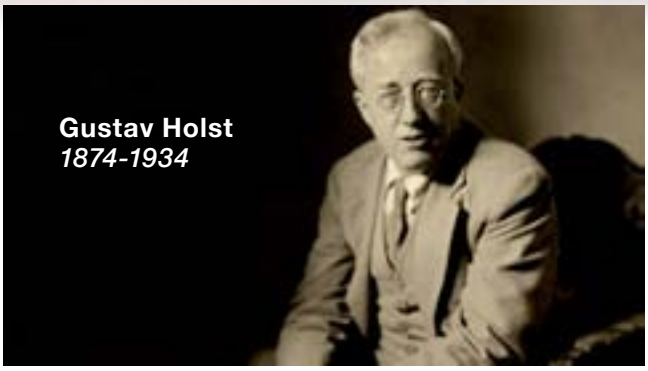
Tour of the Solar System

Let's get this right: Ganymede is the largest satellite of Jupiter, and Titan of Saturn? Or is it the other way round? You had to have your satnav (ahem!) working to follow John Ashworth's tour of the solar system at this month's meeting. Brushing up on your knowledge of Greek and Roman myths and deities would have been useful too. The launch pad was the first performance, a hundred years ago, of the famous orchestral suite The Planets by the English composer Gustav Holst. We heard two of the seven movements: Mars, The Bringer of War started the evening with a bang, and Saturn, The Bringer of Old Age ended it with a slow fade.

The shortest piece was Ganymed, a song by Schubert to a text by Goethe, and the longest was the finale of Mahler's first symphony, which got in under the radar by virtue of the nickname Titan that later generations have continued to attach to it, even though Mahler himself dropped it after the earliest sketches.

Venus, as the goddess of love, had her say in the aria Geliebter, komm! from Wagner's Tannhäuser, and another nicknamed symphony swam into view, in the form of a historic wartime recording, conducted by Hans Knappertsbusch, of the slow movement of Mozart's Jupiter symphony.

For the rest, the moon and the sun loomed large (as they do ….). Three moons, in fact: the Song to the Moon from Dvořák's opera Rusalka; the Moonlight section from the orchestral suite The Sea by English composer Frank Bridge; and another English piece, The Moon, an arrangement for string orchestra of a song by William Lloyd Webber, conducted here by his son Julian.



And the sun? The most astringent music of the evening (although not the most aggressive – Holst's Mars took that prize) – was probably The Glorious Departure of Lolly and the Procession of the Sun from the Scythian Suite, extracted by Prokofiev in 1916 from his ballet Ala and Lolly (don't ask ….).

The next meeting, on Wednesday 5 December, will be a special showing by guest presenter George Fleeton of his acclaimed documentary film Elegance & Grace: The Art and the Voice of MARIA CALLAS.

The first meeting of 2019 will be on Wednesday 9 January. Both meetings will be at the usual venue: the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome, with a charge on the night of only two euro.

Put the dates in your diary now!

For more details of the club please see our website ***http://www.shankillclassical.org*** or ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).

SHANKILL & BALLYBRACK COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders have been busy training new and existing members.

This month, our members were training on how to deal with Stroke and Chest Pain. We practise potentially real-life scenarios through re-enactment where one person acts as a patient, and the first responder must learn to deal with whatever scenario is thrown at them. This helps us to deal with real-life emergencies.

In addition to life saving first aid skills, it is also necessary for members understand how to deal with the stress that may coming with responding to calls. James Wright, a member of our group and also an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), gave an extremely informative talk on Critical Incident Stress Management.

Thanks to St Anne's Resource Centre yet again for allowing us to use their facilities for our monthly training.

For those who wish to find out more information about Shankill & Ballybrack CFR, contact ***shankillcfr@gmail.com*** or visit us on facebook ***@shankillcfr.***

Ingrid Baugh and Rachel Donovan

James Wright

The first major step in the running of the Shankill Sustainable Energy Community is the establishment of an Energy Master Plan for Shankill. This will define the range of house types, their ages, their energy use and the potential savings if particular works are undertaken. Our figures, which are very general at this stage, show that Shankill is spending around €20m per year on energy; the long term hope is that this can be reduced by 5% per annum.

Some households might like to be more closely involved in generating the necessary information and their opportunity to do this will be to keep a detailed energy audit for a few months with regular readings of electricity and gas meters and fuel purchases for vehicles. We will then be in a better position to identify possible savings which will feed into the National Plan.

The great news on the energy front was the recognition by Bord na Mona that due to climate change they must phase out the use of peat for power generation much quicker than originally planned. They are doing this in a structured way so as to minimise disruption to the local community who depend on turf cutting for income during the summer. The same creative thinking is needed by the farming sector which has a number of routes to reducing climate damage while at the same time maintaining their way of life and quite possibly increasing their income. The action of Bord na Mona is in stark contrast with the abject failure of the Government to increase carbon taxes in the budget.

On Monday 5th November there was an international meeting held in Trinity at which Mary Robinson was one of the keynote speakers. We are all well aware of her campaigning on Climate Change but this time she was speaking about the importance of Transition being planned. By this she meant precisely what Bord na Mona has done which is to recognise that communities which depend on a climate damaging activity cannot be thrown to the wolves but by getting Government, Workers and their unions, Management and the Community to work together the transition can be managed to cause the minimum disruption.

The second Keynote speaker was a lady representing her nomadic people from Cameroon and Chad. They have lived for millennia in the Sahel sustainably moving North and South, East and West as the seasons change, their cattle leaving fertilised land for farming as they move on. But now, due to Climate Change, Lake Chad has shrunk from 25,000sq.km to 2,500sq.km. As she told us the result is that all the communities and groups depending on the lake are under intense pressure, and are beginning to fight for what is left and that this is where Boko Haram come from, a direct consequence of Climate Change. It was also mentioned, again, as a reminder, that one of the reasons for the chaos in the Middle East is Climate Change causing five years of drought in Syria.

Many, if not most, of the refugees trying to get to Europe from Africa are doing so as a direct result of Climate Change because the land is drying and they can no longer grow food and keep their animals and so have to move to the shrinking areas where it is possible to live and this, naturally leads to conflict and war. We in the developed part of the world have a tremendous responsibility to do everything we can to solve the problem of Climate Change since we have 80 times the carbon footprint of an African. If we fail, not only is that grossly unjust but it will come back to bite us with progressively more severe and erratic weather, including hurricanes.

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- Buying an annuity is your alternative to investing in an ARF. An annuity will suit you if you require a guaranteed pension income for the rest of your life after you retire. It is important to be aware that unless you buy an annuity with a guaranteed payment period or spouse's pension you pension income stops. Any income that you receive from an annuity is subject to tax. The amount of income you receive will be based on, among other things, your life expectancy at retirement - so will vary by retirement age and gender - and the size of your retirement fund.

- Taxed Cash Lump Sum. After you take your tax-free cash, you can take all or part of the balance of your fund as cash and pay tax on it. To take this additional amount as taxed cash, you will be required to invest €63,500 (or the remainder of the fund, if less) into an AMRF, or use the €63,500 to buy an annuity. However, you do not need to satisfy this requirement if you have a guaranteed pension income of €12,700 p.a. or you are 75 years or older. Any money that you withdraw in this way will be taxed as income at your marginal (higher) income tax rate and may also be liable to PRSI and the Universal Social Charge (USC).

If you have a group pension or an executive pension you also have the option to take a retirement lump sum of up to one-and-a-half times your final salary, depending on the length of time you have been employed. The balance of your pension must be used to buy a pension for life.

As you can see retirement planning can be complex, if you are unsure about your options, we recommend that you should speak to a qualified Financial Broker or call Shankill Financial Services on 01-2393220 for an obligation free chat. Check out our website www.shankillfs.ie

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SHANGANAGH PARKRUN

Shanganagh parkrun is a weekly, free 5km community event that takes place every Saturday at 9:30 in Shangnagh park.

The Shankill event was set up by local athletics coach and (semi-)retired athlete Richard Hourihan, and Shanganah park was the perfect setting with its popularity among local runners. The idea to set one up in locally came about when Richard and a running pal of his Darragh Flynn attended Ireland's first parkrun event in Malahide at the end of 2012. "We thought it was a great concept" says Richard

"The best things about running are how accessible and how social it is. You don't really need any fancy equipment nor be the world's most gifted athlete - you can plod around at your own pace and have a chat. From the first run I did I always thought parkrun was the epitome of those positives - and that's not to mention the physical and mental benefits of the exercise."

Naturally, Richard and Darragh immediately sought to bring parkrun to the southside, but they were beaten to the punch by Marlay parkrun which was already set to begin in March 2013 and plans for a parkrun in Shanganagh were put on hold. Such was the success of the Marlay event, Richard was approached about starting another parkrun event in DLR and a few months Shanganagh parkrun was born, along with a third event venue in Cabinteely park in March 2015.

Since that time, Shanganagh parkrun and parkrun in Ireland have gone from strength to strength. Shanganagh parkrun will celebrate its 200th weekly event early in the new year; and at the time of writing over 23,000 runs have been completed by over 3,900 different people in Shankill alone. The average number of weekly participants has increased from about 80-90 in the first year to about 150 per week in 2018. "One of the nicest things is the mix of people we have participating", says Richard, "on the one hand we've had Olympians (like Róisín McGettigan) and World Championship medallists (like Catherina McKiernan) running; and on the other we have people like my mum jogging around in her own time, or others using it as a Saturday morning walk. The event can only happen with 6-8 additional helpers each week for the various jobs, and the fact we're all volunteers helping at a free community event that anyone can take part in is what makes parkrun so great".

It's very much a family affair for the Hourihans. Richard's dad PJ has become somewhat of a local celebrity for his constant hard work and friendliness every Saturday in making the the whole event "run" like clockwork in acting as the "run director". "The parkrun certainly wouldn't be what it is without my dad", says Richard "although he was never a runner himself, he has such passion and commitment for the organisational side of it - oh, and the fact he's a real perfectionist helps too. It was never intended that PJ would do quite so much of the hard work, but the first Shanganagh parkrun was quite soon after he retired, so it's been a really nice way to keep him busy and active in the community; and he gets a lot of enjoyment out of it too."

Such was the success of the Shanganagh parkrun, Richard decided to also set up a 2km junior parkrun for ages 4-14 in the People's park in Bray, which had its first run in February 2017. "The kids love it" says Richard "they can race against their own best times and they earn milestone wristbands after a certain number of runs." Richard is also the head of the juvenile section of the local athletics club, Bray Runners A.C. "Both parkruns, and particularly the junior one, have done wonders for the club's visibility. We've had so many moreinterested families from Shankill, Bray and the surrounding areas join us and take up the sport and be more active; which at the end of the day, is what it's all about".

Shanganagh parkrun takes place every Saturday at 9:30am from near the railway bridge and baseball nets in the third field of Shanganagh park.

Participation is completely free, and all you have to do to do is register once at ***https://www.parkrun.com/register***. Details of the Shanganagh parkrun can be found at ***http://www.parkrun.ie/shanganagh/.***

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2018 Irish Fashion Collective

Paul Costelloe Headlined Irish Fashion Collective 2018

Designer Paul Costelloe joined fellow designer Deborah Veale at this year's Irish Fashion Collective held in Conrad Dublin and hosted by Lorraine Keane.

For the third consecutive year the cream of Irish fashion designers came together for the 2018 Irish Fashion Collective show in aid of Saint Joseph's Shankill, in Conrad Dublin on Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 on Friday 2nd November 2018. This year's special guest designer was Paul Costelloe who showcased highlights from his international Autumn Winter 2018 womenswear collection, alongside a collective of other leading Irish designers.

Building on the hugely successful events of 2016 and 2017 and on foot of winning the 'Best Fundraising Initiative' category at the 2017 Irish Healthcare Centre Awards, the 2018 Irish Fashion Collective show featured the very best of Irish fashion design. Top Irish and international designers, milliner Philip Treacy and couturier Don O'Neill have both been the guest designers in previous years.

Paul was joined by Deborah Veale, Zoe Jordan, Louise Kennedy, Aideen Bodkin, Sarah Murphy, Roisin Linnane & Mellisa Curry, Electronic Sheep and the Design Centre.

A special auction sponsored by Sherry Fitzgerald raised a further €10,000 supporting the charity, when prizes from Design Centre, Aidan Chadwick Private dining and flights with Turkish Airlines just a few of the sought after

prizes. Cara Pharmacy Group wowed the guests with gift bags overflowing with luxury Irish beauty products.

Not satisfied to just showcase his clothing, he wanted to raise more money for the charity. Paul spent time painting one off fashion sketches for the audience members willing to pay for a Paul Costelloe original.

All profits raised from the evening which totalled nearly €30,000 will go to supporting Saint Joseph's Shankill and their vision to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland.

If you or your company would like to support the work that Saint Joseph's in leading the way in dementia care in Ireland please get in touch with Siobhan Grant at 01 282 3000 or email siobhan.grant@sjog.ie.

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the only care home in Ireland that solely cares for people living with dementia. The centre aspires to demonstrate excellence in how people with this very difficult illness are cared for and looked after. It is home to 60 people who live in one of the six lodges with others who are at the same stage of dementia. They are cared for together in a 'homelike' environment where the focus is on people's emotions and making them feel like they really matter, despite living with a diagnosis of dementia.

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DLR Drawing Competition Winners

The children from 3rd to 6th Class took part in "DLR Festival of Inclusion" Drawing Competition. The theme of this year's festival was "Where the past meets the future". We sent in lots of fantastic entries and were lucky enough to have three winners. Congratulations to the boys.

Seedsavers

Our school was chosen by DLR County Council to be a tree nursery. As part of the process, the Green School Committee gathered seeds from trees in our school grounds with teachers Ms. Coffey, Ms. Barrett, Ms. Scott and Ms. Ellard. They collected seeds from Elder, Oak, Birch, Beech, Ash and Hawthorn trees. When the seeds have dried out they will be planted into pots and later transplanted in Shanganagh Park in 2020! We are very excited about the project.

C.S.I. Scoil Mhuire

Following a series of workshops given by a Forensic Scientist, the children learned how to solve crime by using forensic techniques. The children were taught to take fingerprints, footprints, D.N.A. and hair samples and used this information to interpret a crime scene and find the culprit. Pictured below are scenes from these workshops.

getting ready to investigate the crime scene.

Matching up the D.N.A. and fingerprints to establish the culprit

Using a tweezers, the children gathered evidence and placed it in a plastic bag and used magnifying glasses to find fingerprints.

Healthy Eating Survey

Mrs. Morgan's 6th Class Maths Group surveyed all classes in the school to discover their eating habits. The results of this survey were announced at a Healthy Eating Assembly and people were pleased with the results. Pictured below are some of the children interviewing fellow students and filling in questionnaires for the survey.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW HEALTH CENTRE AT LOWER ROAD SHANKILL

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to confirm that all matters pertaining to a planning permission granted for the building of a new Health Centre at Lower Road Shankill are now being fully complied with and are in accordance with the conditions which were attached to the grant of permission?*

Reply: As with all grants of planning permission, the onus is upon the applicant to ensure that the development is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the governing permission. In relation to the specific case which has been raised, allegations of unauthorised development were brought to the attention of the planning authority, following which a statutory Warning Letter was issued pursuant to Section 152 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended). Following an investigation into the matters raised, it was determined that there was no actionable breach of the planning permission from a planning enforcement perspective, and the enforcement file was subsequently closed.

STARLINGS, SHANGANAGH ROAD

Motion: *That the Chief Executive put measures in place to compel the developer of the Starlings, Shanganagh Road to complete the outstanding works of bringing the estate up to taking in charge standards, as the prolonged delay in doing so is no longer publicly acceptable.*

Report: Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have not received any request from the developer Kingscroft developments to take this estate in charge. However Building Control section has monitored the development since its commencement to ensure that the DLRCOCO development works standards have been met. Staff from the Building Control Section of the Council were in contact with the developer numerous times in 2018 with a view to resolving outstanding remedial works to bring the estate up to taking in charge standard.

A meeting was arranged for mid November 2018 between the developer and Building Control Engineers to progress matters further and to explore the possibility of the developer requesting the estate to be taken in charge and to establish a timeframe to complete the outstanding remedial works. Only following the completion of remedial works and, on the request from the developer can the Council give an approximate estimation as to when this Estate can be taken in charge.

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SIXTH CLASS NEWS

We have gone Harry Potter mad in Ms. Kett's 6th class and we're currently starting the 2nd book in the series. Although some of us have read them before, lots of us haven't and we're all thoroughly enjoying reading and disecting them. We are using the novel to inspire our art, teach us about story and character development and of course how to improve our own writing by using rich and descriptive language and a variety of adjectives and adverbs, a speciality of J.K. Rowlings.

The beginning of the term saw Ms Aivalikli's 6th class focus on North America. We looked at American History through the ages and analysed how colonisation tactics changed from the Native American's to the American Civil War. We also challenged ourselves by learning the names and location of each American State, we loved playing the states quiz! Our STEM project centred on Native American's as we created 3D totem poles in groups. Our designs went from individual, paired to finally group plans. We were delighted to see our plans come to life.

In other exciting news the girl's GAA football team had a very important match in a very interesting location...Croke Park!! We were so proud of the team for getting to the Cumann na mBunscol finals. Coach Mr Allen and his troupe (also accompanied by brilliant, ear drum-bursting supporters) played an excellent match led by captain Carmel Fitzachary. Sadly it wasn't to be our day with a score of 3-5 goals. It was a great experience.

Please keep up to date on all the schools news on our blog *blog.stannesshankill.com*

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to install public lighting to the front of Shanganagh Park?*

Reply: With regards to the request for additional lighting at Shanganagh Park, this will be included for consideration in the overall Woodbrook Shanganagh Local Area Plan

SIGN AT CASTLE FARM

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to install a "Children at Play" sign in the vicinity of thegreen/ wooded area in Castle Farm and extra "SLOW" road markings in the middleand back of Castle Farm, Shankill?*

Reply: The location will be inspected and signage / road markings will be provided further to this inspection.

BALLYBRIDE ROAD

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to examine and carry out works to ensure Ballybride Road is safer for pedestrians?*

Reply: Ballybride Road is a narrow rural road which had a narrow footpath on one side between Lordello Road and Stonebridge Road. There is no footpath on the section between Lordello Road and Crinken Lane and it would appear that land acquisition would be necessary to provide a safe and continuous width of footpath along here. There is no provision for this at present in the Council's work programme.

PARKING AT BRADY'S SHANKILL

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive when work will begin on restricting vehicles parking on the footpath in front of Brady's Public House, Shankill?*

Reply: It is proposed to provide bollards at each end of the paved area where the footpath is dished to prevent vehicles entering the paved pedestrian area along here.

FOOTPATH INSTALLATION BETWEEN FOXES GROVE AND EATON WOOD GREEN

I contacted the Council's Parks Department requesting an update on the new footpath between Foxes Grove and Eaton Wood Green. I received the following update from the Parks Department:

"We expect to have these works substantially completed, stoned and dusted, by the end of the year and if time allows have tarmacadam surface completed also."

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Rathmichael National School

Our school planted vegetables in the raised beds in our school garden. It was great to see them growing and we were able to collect them up for a display in September.

Our Church and School Fete in September was great fun and attended by both the school and indeed the whole community. The atmosphere was very positive and I believe everyone who attended felt it was well worthwhile. A break badly needed following this but we will be raring to go again next year.

In October we held our Harvest Festival in the school. Canon Fred Appelbe attended the assembly and each child brought in food items including biscuits, coffee, tea, cake, tins and packets of various shapes and sizes and sweets. These were all loaded up into my car and along with three children from 1st class were brought to SOFA which is the Shankill Old Folks Association. The children spoke with the elderly people there. They were so very grateful for all the gifts we brought.

We had an author visit in connection with the sinking of the Leinster mail boat 100 years ago. Carmel Uí Cheallaigh wrote a book for children on this topic called, 'Leinster, the forgotten tragedy'. This was a simplified version of the tragedy. Much has been done in this area on this event and it was good for the children to understand it. They were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Our Team Hope colleague, Carol Hennessy visited the school to tell us about the shoe box charity. She told the children what happened to their shoeboxes last year with wonderful stories of her visits to Belarus. We collected boxes which were brought in after midterm. The children are encouraged to put in unused items they may have in their own bedrooms which another child would love to have. We have found that the children love to get involved in this particular event.

Canon Fred Appelbe and myself attended the school service in Christ Church cathedral with three children. The service was excellent and talked about homelessness.

3rd Class went on their annual visit to Airfield which is a city farm. This is very educational and they are brought around the house, the animals and the grounds. It was a fun day for all.

Dress up day was probably the highlight of October, having a bake sale on the same day. Best part being the last day before mid-term!

Note from Maria Bailey, TD

Brexit, the budget and you

During his budget speech the Minister for Finance Paschal Donohoe TD said "Brexit is the political, economic and diplomatic challenge of our generation." The government is determined to rise to whatever challenges Brexit offers and insure the best possible future for Ireland.

There is no doubt that Ireland will be affected by the UKs decision to leave the EU, but we must respect the democratic wishes of the British people. While the negotiations between the UK and the EU have been and will continue to be difficult. I believed that an acceptable agreement will be reached before the 29th of March which is fast approaching.

We have heard many proposals over the past number of months however, Ireland is determined to reach an agreement that will not put the Good Friday agreement at risk, and in this we have been fully supported by our European allies

We enter 2019 in a good position, we have a balanced budget which gives Minister Donohoe the flexibility to borrow if necessary, there are more people at work in Ireland than ever before strengthening the tax base.

The Government had already taken significant steps to ensure Ireland is Brexit Ready. The past three budgets have laid solid foundations which Budget 2019 has further enhanced. We have introduced a new longer term loan scheme of up to €300 million, the Future Growth Loan Scheme for small to medium sized business will support strategic capital investment for a post Brexit environment by offering 8-10 year loans at competitive rates. The scheme is in addition to 2018's allocation of €300 million Brexit Loan Scheme for Business.

Budget 2019 has seen a specific allocation of €115 million for Brexit measures across a number of Departments including €25 million allocation for essential customs requirements and increased funding to the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to enable them to continue to address the challenges posed by Brexit across a range of headings, including supports for our Enterprise Agencies and for 'Global Ireland' – Ireland's Global Footprint to 2025 strategy, which will see the opening of new markets for business and a higher international profile. The government is doing all it can to safeguard the economy from Brexit and to avoid a return to the boarders of the past.

"As we look forward to 2019, this Budget will help to ensure that Ireland is in the best possible position to respond to the challenges – and indeed the opportunities – that Brexit will bring."

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Local History Society Lectures

Mount Merrion Historical Society
The Society will host ***'Comhaltas Ceoltori Eireann, Ceol agus Craic'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday December 6th in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

David Crawford will recall ***'Stanley Woods: The World's first motorcycling superstar'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday January 3rd in the Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

The Old Dublin Society
James Scannell, will recall ***'Christmas 1918 in Kingstown and Dalkey'*** at 7 p.m. on Thursday December 6th in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission free.

Enniskerry History Society
Carmel Cullen will present ***'The History of Delia Murphy'*** at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday December 13th in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.

Irish Railway Record Society
Tim Moriarty will present ***'Photographic Endeavors 2'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday December 13th in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

Rathmichael Historical Society
Paul Duffy will present ***'From Carrickfergus to Carcassonne - Hugh de Lacy and the Cathar Crusade'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday December 5th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €4.

The AGM of the Society takes place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday January 9th in Rathmichael National School, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Richard Dolan will present ***'Rathmichael: Past, Present and Future'***. All welcome - admission €4.

Military History Society of Ireland
Anthony Kinsella will present ***'Home for Christmas: John Francis O'Reilly and John Kenny, the last German agents to drop in'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday December 7th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Marcus de la Poer Bereford will present ***'Marshall William Carr Beresford, the ablest man I have seen with the army'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday January 11th in Griffith College, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Foxrock Local History Club
Harry Bradshaw will present ***'John Feeney, Forgotten Irish Tenor from Mayo'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday January 15th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
At 8 p.m. on Wednesday December 5th there will be a screening of ***'The Building of the Kish Lighthouse (DVD) and some of the history of the Kish Bank'*** in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – entrance €3.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
James Scannell will recall ***'Christmas 1943 in Bray, Co. Wicklow'*** at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday December 6th in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission free, and at 11.30 a.m. on Friday December 7th will recall ***'Christmas 1918 in Bray, Co. Wicklow'*** in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome, admission free.

The AGM of the Bray Cualann Historical Society takes place at 8 p.m. on Thursday January 17th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. James Scannell will recall ***'The Closure of the Harcourt Street, Dublin - Bray railway line, December 31st 1958'***. All welcome - admission €5.

Western Front Association (Dublin Branch)
Marcin Hasik will present ***'Polish Armed Forces in the Russian army in the First World War'*** at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday December 8th in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Publications

'The Last Voyage of the Leinster - Remembering the Dún Laoghaire and Holyhead Mailboat' produced by an Editorial Committee of Beasai Ó Caollaí, Niall O'Hagan and Ken Finlay, published by the Dún Laoghaire Holyhead Mailboat Centenary Committee / Friends of the Leinster - €15, available through booksellers.

This fascinating and well produced book contains a selection of articles and reflections written mainly by descendants of those who were on the RMS Leinster on the morning of October 10th 1918 when she was sunk by a German submarine shortly after departing from Kingstown, as Dún Laoghaire was then called, on the Morning sailing for Holyhead, with the loss of at least 565 passengers and crew.

Articles featured in this remarkable book include - ***'The truth was also a casualty'*** by Beasai Ó Caollaí; ***'Post Office workers flex their muscle'*** by Paul O'Brien; ***'Evening Herald: banned - but not beaten'***; ***'The last town they saw... Dún Laoghaire 1918'*** by Tom Conlon; ***'...and the town they failed to reach - Holyhead 1918'*** by Dr. Gareth Huws; ***'Family Reflections'*** from descendants of those on board that fateful day; ***'What type of man buys the wreck of a ship?'*** by Joe Ryan; ***'The Leinster Anthem'***; ***'A wreck dive like no other'*** by Michael Schütz; ***'Perseverance pays off'*** by William Byrne; ***'The trials and tribulations of bringing up the anchor'*** by Noel Brien; ***'The Leinster remembered in 2003'*** by Tom Lundon; ***'Commemorating the Postal Workers'***, and ***'Events of 1918'.***

This excellent book focuses about the human aspect of this tragedy, real people and families, from many countries, who were affected by this terrible wartime tragedy, and is an essential acquisition for anyone interested in Irish military and maritime history.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET 2019.

At a meeting of DLR county council on 6th Nov. the Chief Executive presented the 2019 Budget. €183.8 million, up €6m on 2018, will be spent on services in the county in the coming year.

The recovery in economic conditions has allowed the 2019 budget, for the first time in many years, to deliver an expansion of services across all divisions. There will be no increase in housing rents, parking charges or in environmental services. The rate of Local Property Tax and commercial rates will be maintained at 2018 levels. The recent increase in development activity in the county has resulted in an increase in commercial rates income as new properties are valued for rating purposes. Income streams from planning and building control will increase without any increase in associated charges. Additionally, all properties built since 2014 will now be liable for LPT. The impact of these changes has provided the additional funding for the 2019 budget.

Significant funds have been provided to enable the council to carry out a deep clean of all our villages and further engagement with local Tidy Towns groups which will deal with litter, the disposal of leaves, increased gully cleaning, creative lighting and additional tree planting and pruning. Provision for the Universal Grants Scheme has been increased to offer people more support in their communities. A digitised system has been rolled out making the application process simpler and more user friendly. In recent years €2,726,142 has been awarded through the UGS and an additional €733,000 is proposed for 2019.

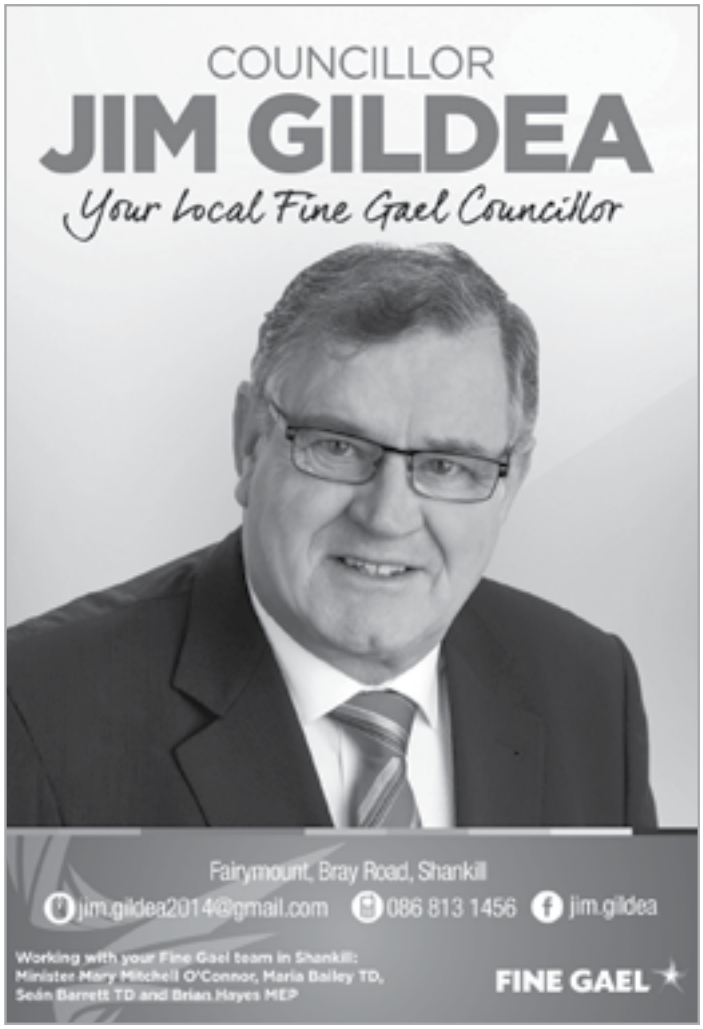
The work of the Local Enterprise Office in the county has grown considerably since it was introduced in 2014. It has invested €1.24m in grant aid to local start-ups and 1600 companies have received mentoring. The targets set in The Action Plan for Jobs have been progressed and several new initiatives have extended the reach of the LEO. This will continue in 2019. Provision has been made for business grants and supports including Shop Front and Vacant Commercial Property Grants. The Business Support Grant of up to 10% of a businesses' rates bill will continue. Almost 86% of ratepayers could be eligible for this grant. The Budget for Economic Development which provides initiatives to support retail and commercial businesses in the county has been increased by €195K

Initiatives to combat climate change, such as increasing the electric car changing points across the county, the move to LED street lights, changing the council's fleet to electric vehicles, energy saving in housing and corporate buildings and working with the private sector to make a move towards energy conservation have been budgeted for. There will be a series of events in 2019 to promote greater public awareness of climate change and the steps we can all take to combat it.

The Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company was dissolved in October when the management of the Harbour was transfer to the Council. Work is underway on the merging of work practices and the production of final accounts which must be completed by April 2019. While the transfer presents significant challenges and risks for the Council it also offers an unprecedented opportunity to bring the town and harbour together and to develop a world class marine leisure harbour which can be sustainable, attract visitors and offer new possibilities to the county.

The main sources of income to fund expenditure in 2019 are as follows:

Income Source	**Budget 2019**
Commercial rates	84,515,900
Goods and services	52,597,800
Grants & subsidies (Excluding LPT)	28,112,400
Local Property tax	17,161,700



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QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

PM O'Loughlin, BBQ Centre, Shankill – *Celebrating 60 years in business*

by Patricia Kiersey

I met Pat O'Loughlin in his shop PM O'Loughlin Food Emporium on a crisp autumn morning. He was wearing his trademark white coat. But when he suggested we adjourn to the One Cafe for coffee and a chat about his 60 years in business he took it off to reveal a smart suit underneath, with an immaculate shirt and a pink tie.

Born in Carnew, Co Wicklow he came from a farming family. On leaving school he started a veterinary degree in UCD. For a variety of reasons, including financial constraints, he never finished the course. However, in 1958, he found himself in a position to buy some land in Shankill. The site had previously been an orchard and had belonged to Shanganagh Castle. It came complete with some hen houses. This gave Mr O'Loughlin the idea of raising chickens for the table and supplying eggs in the local area. The business became known as Barbeque Poultry Products and the premises as the Barbeque Centre. In the early years, 35 people from Shankill and Bray were employed in the business. In 1966, Barbeque Poultry Products expanded when Mr O'Loughlin bought a farm in Wexford. He eventually had 80,000 laying hens there to supply eggs on the wholesale market. He improved the business further when he opened a factory in Arklow in the 1970's to process wholesale chickens and turkeys as part of an EEC export plan. This part of the business continued in production until the year 2000 when the factory closed.

In its heyday, the wholesale food distribution operations of Barbeque supplied major supermarkets and other retail outlets, hotels, restaurants and Aer Lingus with poultry products and frozen foods. Pat O'Loughlin's daughter Anna joined the business 20 years ago when she completed her marketing degree. Barbeque Poultry Products was sold to McNally Foods in 2008. When it was sold it had a turnover of 17 million Euros. Mr O' Laughlin was a consultant to the company for some time after that.

Following the sale of Barbeque Poultry Products, the business in Shankill became known as PM O'Loughlin Foods (now PM O'Loughlin Food Emporium). The remaining space in the Barbeque Centre was converted into 15 retail units which are now rented out to a variety of retail businesses. (See the centre page spread of this edition of SCAN for more details).

Although Pat O'Loughlin never lived permanently in Shankill he still remembers it as a country village in 1958. At that time, he boarded in Molly Jones Bed and Breakfast, on the Dublin Road, near the old Garda station in Shankill. The local sergeant and two other gardai also had rooms there. At that time there were only four shops in Shankill's main street including Jimmy Quinn's grocery, Slattery's newsagents, Frank Doyle butcher, Lynch's grocery as well as Mickey Byrne's pub (now Brady's). The post office was where Core Credit Union offices now are. The main employer in the area, apart from Barbeque Poultry products, was a box factory.

Mr O'Loughlin still plays an active role in the shop in Shankill though his daughter Anna now runs the day to day business with the help of Martin Dowling. He assures me he has no intention of retiring any day soon. He still finds time to farm and keep some racehorses in Kilpedder where he now lives with his wife Susan. We, in SCAN, send him our best wishes in business for the foreseeable future.

P.M O'LOUGHLIN

60 Years Serving Shankill

1958 - 2018

In 1958 Pat O'Loughlin came to Shankill and specifically the Barbeque Centre. In the beginning the centre started with just hen houses and an egg run. Over the years that has changed dramatically.

Barbeque Poultry Products was the first 51 years of Pat's starting supplying poultry and frozen foods to the whole-sale and catering industries. Today the centre has become a huge part of the village with many retail shops and outlets.

Pat continues in the retail trade with PM O'Loughlin Food Emporium. 20 years ago Pat's daughter Anna joined the party and together they now manage the retail shop and tenants in the BBQ Centre. None of this could have been achieved without two things in particular. Loyal staff over the years who made running a business that bit easier. One staff member, Martin Dowling is with Pat 26 years and counting.

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